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SUBJECT:

CAPTION:

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Groton, Conn

Electric Boat Yard of GENERAL  
DYNAMICS Corporation.

Launching Ceremonies of the U.S.S.  
Nautilus, First Atomic Submarine.

Christened the U.S.S. Nautilus, the  
Atomic Submarine slips down the  
ways and into the Thames River.  
On Launching Platform Cdr Edward  
L Beach, USN, Naval Aide to the  
President, salutes; Mrs Eisenhower,  
the first lady, holds the smashed  
champaigne bottle; waving is Mr  
John Jay Hopkins, President and  
Chairman of the Board of General  
Dynamics Corporation and holding  
Mrs Eisenhower's bouquet is the  
Matron of Honor, Mrs Eugene P.  
Wilkinson, who is also the wife of  
the Prospective Commanding Officer  
of the Nautilus, Cdr Wilkinson.  
Approximately 20,000 spectators  
watched.

LOCATION:

PHOTOGRAPHER:

PAUL BEGLEY,

TAKEN BY (UNIT)

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CLASSIFICATION